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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the Cross Reference to Related Applications paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Number ~~10/247,742~~ 10/248,742, filed on ~~March~~ February 13, 2003, now U.S. Patent Number 6,739,982, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Number 10/065,871, filed on November 26, 2002, now U.S. Patent Number 6,758,763, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Number 09/906,889, filed on July 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent Number 6,491,592, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Number 09/431,982, filed November 1, 1999, now U.S. Patent Number 6,354,962.

Please replace the Abstract (paragraph [0109]) with the following amended Abstract:

A golf club (40) having a club head (42) with a face component (60) and an aft-body (61) is disclosed herein. The face component (60) has a striking plate portion (72) and a return portion (74). The aft-body (61) is composed of a crown portion (62), a sole portion (64) and optionally a ribbon section (90). The face component (60) is composed of a metal material, and the aft-body (61) is composed of a non-metal material such as a composite material or a thermoplastic material. ~~The striking plate portion (72) preferably has an aspect ratio less than 1.7. The striking plate portion (72) preferably has concentric regions of thickness with the thickness portion in the center (102). The club head (42) has a volume in the range of 290 cubic centimeters to 600 cubic centimeters, a weight in the range of 165 grams to 300 grams, and a striking plate portion (72) surface area in the range of 4.00 square inches to 7.50 square inches.~~

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~~The golf club head (42) has a coefficient of restitution greater than 0.81 under test conditions such as the USGA test conditions specified pursuant to Rule 4-1e, Appendix II, of the Rules of Golf for 1998-1999.~~